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## IMO SEC-GEN COMMENDS PH FOR ACHIEVING POSITIVE RESULTS IN EVALUATIONS, INSPECTIONS

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) Secretary-General, Kitack Lim, has congratulated the Philippines for its exceptional performance in the recent Independent Evaluation (IE) and European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) Inspection. These achievements were announced during the 44th ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group meeting held from 9-11 May 2023, in Da Nang City, Viet Nam.

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## PH, DENMARK HOST REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEN SHIPPING OPPORTUNITIES

MANILA, PHILIPPINES - The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) of the Philippines and the Danish Maritime Authority (DMA), supported by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), organized a two-day regional

conference titled "Seizing Opportunities for Green Shipping in Asia and the Pacific" on 16-17 May 2023.

The conference brought together maritime experts from the Pacific Islands

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MARINA, CCC meets to discuss decarbonization efforts in the maritime industry

## MARINA, CCC COLLABORATE ON DECARBONIZATION EFFORTS

MANILA - The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and the Climate Change Commission (CCC) have initiated discussions to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) addressing climate change and the decarbonization of the Philippines' maritime sector. The courtesy call took place on 5 May 2023, at the CCC office in Malacañang Compound, Manila.

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## MARINA'S STCW OFFICE ACHIEVES ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFICATION

MANILA - The Maritime Industry Authority's (MARINA) STCW Office has been awarded the ISO 9001:2015 Certification after a successful 1st Surveillance Audit conducted by Bureau Veritas. The certification applies to MARINA's Central Office, as well as its satellite and regional offices in Metro Manila and other regions.

The Bureau Veritas granted the continued certification of the STCW Office's Quality Management System (QMS) for meeting the requirements of ISO 9001:2015 consistently.

As the sole maritime administration responsible for implementing the International Convention on the Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), MARINA's STCW Office establishes policies and procedures



to ensure that Filipino seafarers receive comprehensive training and certification aligned with national and international standards. This helps develop a globally competitive workforce in the maritime industry.

Mr. Samuel L. Batalla, Executive Director of the STCW Office, expressed pride in the ISO 9001:2015 QMS Certification, stating that it reflects MARINA's commitment to fulfilling the requirements of the STCW Convention. Through their QMS, MARINA aims to continuously improve services, achieve objectives related to providing globally competitive seafarers, and enhance overall client satisfaction.

## MARINA, DOH COLLABORATE TO ENHANCE MEDICAL ASSESSMENT FOR SEAFARERS



*The Maritime Industry Authority and the Department of Health pose for a group photo during the Re-orientation for Medical Facilities for Overseas Workers and Seafarers (MFOWS) and DOH-accredited Medical Practitioners*

MANILA - The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and the Department of Health (DOH) conducted a joint re-orientation for Medical Facilities for Overseas Workers and Seafarers (MFOWS) and DOH-accredited Medical Practitioners on 18 May 2023.

The re-orientation aimed to address policies concerning the

assessment of seafarers' medical fitness for service at sea. It focused on key issues such as the format of Pre-Employment Medical Examination (PEME) certificates, standard assessments for eyesight and hearing, SAM-IS enrollment, and encoding of medical examination results in MISMO.

STCW Office OIC Deputy Executive Director Capt. Vicente C. Navarro

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## MARINA AND DOH COLLABORATE TO ENHANCE MEDICAL ASSESSMENT...

emphasized that the meeting was organized to refresh understanding of standards and policies, particularly regarding the issuance of PEME certificates for seafarers. Capt. Navarro highlighted the country's obligation as a signatory to the STCW Convention to ensure proper implementation of medical standards in facilities and adherence by medical practitioners conducting assessments.

MARINA reaffirmed its commitment to strengthen collaboration with the DOH to enhance medical assessment policies for seafarers.



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## IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL COMMENDS PHILIPPINES FOR ACHIEVING POSITIVE RESULTS IN EVALUATIONS AND INSPECTIONS

The Philippines demonstrated its commitment to fulfilling obligations under Regulation I/8 and Section A-I/8 of the Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping (STCW) Convention during the IE. Moreover, the European Commission has decided to continue recognizing Philippine-issued STCW Certificates, securing employment opportunities for nearly 50,000 Filipino marine officers on European-flagged vessels.

Secretary-General Lim expressed his appreciation for the Philippines' hard work and dedication to these endeavors, emphasizing their positive impact on future development, including

adapting to new challenges such as decarbonization.

Engr. Nannette Z. Villamor-Dinopol, the MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations and head of the Philippine delegation conveyed the country's gratitude to the IMO for their unwavering support during the Independent Evaluation, EMSA Inspection, Ferry Safety Assessment Project, and the GloFouling Partnerships Project. Engr. Dinopol highlighted the significant benefits and strengthening of the Philippine maritime industry through the IMO's cooperation programs, projects, and training initiatives.



IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim, and MARINA Deputy Administrator Nannette Dinopol together with the Philippine Delegation are all smiles during the 44th ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group Meeting





Philippines' MARINA, Danish Maritime Authority, and maritime experts from the Pacific Island and ASEAN States during the regional conference on green shipping

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and Southeast Asian states, including ASEAN member states, to discuss emission reduction and energy efficiency measures in shipping operations. Key topics included regional perspectives and priorities in the ongoing negotiations of the IMO's strategy on greenhouse gas emissions reduction from ships.

Notable guests in attendance were IMO Secretary-General, His Excellency Kitack Lim; Denmark's Ambassador to the Philippines, His Excellency Franz-Michael Skjold Mellbin; Undersecretary for Legal Affairs of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), Honorable Reinier Yebra; and Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Honorable Jesus Gary Domingo.

Secretary-General Lim emphasized that maritime transport remains the most economically and environmentally sustainable mode for larger cargo volumes. He stressed the need for the shipping sector to embrace the energy transition and attract the next generation of maritime personnel and seafarers through renewable energy and energy efficiency technology.

Ambassador Mellbin highlighted the importance of global dialogue to address the challenges and possibilities of the shipping industry's enormous changes. He emphasized the need for collaboration to achieve climate obligations and solve the climate crisis.

MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani N. Fabia expressed the conference's objective to mitigate climate change, protect oceans, and ensure

seafarers' livelihoods. He called for a sustainable and prosperous future where green shipping becomes the norm.

The two-day conference covered topics such as the IMO regulatory framework, green ports' role in energy efficiency, and technology development. Discussions also included green shipping opportunities, the development of green corridors, the creation of green jobs, the skill development of seafarers, and the value chain of future fuels.

Presentations on maritime solutions and green infrastructure opportunities were featured on the last day. Attendees explored the global pathway toward the shipping sector's green transition and the role of governments in driving the change.

The conference concluded with an interactive session to address key questions on the challenges and opportunities of the green transition in shipping. Participants discussed the roles of governments, private sectors, and the IMO in accelerating the transition.

Climate Change Commission (CCC) Secretary Robert Borje delivered closing remarks, emphasizing the conference's significance to climate change and the country's sustainable development agenda.

The regional conference facilitated knowledge sharing and highlighted concrete steps taken towards greening the shipping sector, showcasing different regional experiences.





## MARINA, CCC COLLABORATE ON DECARBONIZATION EFFORTS

During the meeting, CCC Secretary Robert Borje and MARINA Deputy Administrator for Planning Sonia Malaluan expressed their commitment to forming a strategic partnership through the MOU. Secretary Borje emphasized the administration's dedication to climate change action and highlighted the importance of collaboration with MARINA in achieving decarbonization goals.

Deputy Administrator Malaluan extended a personal invitation to Secretary Borje to the upcoming Regional Conference: "Seizing Opportunities for Green Shipping in Asia and the Pacific." The conference, organized by MARINA in partnership with the Danish

Maritime Authority and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), will be held on May 16-17, 2023, at Rizal Park Hotel in Manila. The event aims to gather key maritime stakeholders from Pacific Islands and Southeast Asian states to discuss energy efficiency, the short sea segment, seafarer education, and global regulations.

During the courtesy call, SRS Director II Ramon Hernandez also presented "The Philippine Maritime Industry: Pathways for Decarbonization of the Maritime Transport Sector," further emphasizing the country's commitment to sustainable practices in the maritime industry.



MARINA Officials, and staff with Climate Change Commission after discussing the latter's climate change action in achieving decarbonization goals

## MARINA ENGAGES IN DAP'S ISO 9001:2015 CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP

Manila – The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) participated in the first capacity-building intervention organized by the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) from 23-26 May 2023.

The workshop focused on ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) requirements and documentation, part of the Government Quality Management Program (GQMP) 2023. DAP, led by Project Team Manager Mr. Ronaldo Armin F. Ocampo, provided technical assistance for the training course.

MARINA welcomed this initiative as it aligns with the Enabling Program of the MIDP 2028, aiming to establish an efficient and effective maritime industry governance system with a focus on good governance and accountability. It also contributes to the goals of Chapter 14 of the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, "Practice Good Governance and Improve Bureaucratic Efficiency."

MARINA aims to have all its nationwide services certified under ISO 9001:2028 within the first half of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s term.

During the event, Nenita S. Atienza, Director of MARINA's Management, Financial, and Administrative Service (MFAS), emphasized the significance of ISO certification for the organization. The training aimed to enhance participants' knowledge of quality concepts, ISO 9001 standards, and relevant statutory and regulatory requirements.

MARINA was selected as one of the 2023 Beneficiary Agencies of the Government Quality Program (GQMP) for the Expansion on ISO 9001:2015 on 1 February 2023.

The establishment of MARINA's Quality Management System (QMS) is a vital step to improve internal systems, processes, and procedures in delivering efficient government services to the public.



Participants from MARINA work hand-in-hand during the DAP's ISO 9001:2015 Capacity-Building Workshop



## MARINA ASSESSES PASSENGER SERVICE QUALITY AND GENDER DEVELOPMENT IN DOMESTIC SHIPPING



Manila - The Maritime Industry Authority's Domestic Shipping Service (MARINA-DSS) recently completed its second round of surveys for the Passenger Service Rating System – Gender and Development (PSRS-GAD). The evaluation took place from 8-10 May 2023.

Led by Atty. Patrick D. Ferraro, the DSS team conducted surveys on two vessels, MV FastCat M15 and MV Isla Simara, which operate routes from Batangas to Calapan, Oriental Mindoro, and vice versa, including Puerto Galera.

The PSRS-GAD serves as a monitoring and rating system for assessing service standards provided to passengers on domestic liner and ferry ships. It ensures compliance with Accessibility Law and government gender development policies within the domestic shipping industry.

The survey evaluated various aspects of service, such as ticketing systems, service adequacy, boarding procedures, baggage handling and security, passenger accommodations, crew, and gender development-related issues. The results will be shared with ship owners and operators.



MARINA-DSS and Domestic Ship Crew are all smiles after the successful conduct of Passenger Service Rating System – Gender and Development (PSRS-GAD).

## MARINA ENHANCES SKILLS WITH KONGSBERG DIGITAL'S 4-DAY SIMULATION WORKSHOP

Manila - The evaluators of the Maritime Industry Authority's (MARINA) STCW Office are currently undergoing a 4-day simulation workshop conducted by Kongsberg Digital. The workshop aims to support the agency's ongoing development efforts and address key areas and issues related to the European Union's extension of recognition to the Philippines' STCW System.

The workshop commenced with an opening program led by Capt. Vicente C. Navarro, Deputy Executive Director of the STCW Office, and VADM Eduardo Ma R Santos AFP (Ret), President of the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (MAAP) and Kongsberg Users Philippines, Inc. (KUPI). Participants include Maritime Education and Training Standards Supervisors (METSS), Monitoring Division personnel from the STCW Office, and Kongsberg simulation specialists from the Philippines and the Asia-Pacific region.

Renowned experts and industry leaders are facilitating the workshop, covering practical training techniques, regulatory compliance, industry standards, and advancements in maritime education technology, including cloud-based

maritime simulators. The workshop is delivered in collaboration with DNV, PCI/Seaversity, and Integrated Maritime Practical Assessment Center and Technical Solutions (IMPACTS), in line with MARINA's commitment to fostering partnerships and collaboration within the maritime sector.

The simulation workshop focuses on training facilities, simulators, monitoring, supervision, and evaluation of training and assessment. It provides participants with a valuable platform to expand their knowledge and expertise in maritime education. This series of workshops underscores the dedication of all involved parties to stay at the forefront of maritime education advancements and ensure the continuous enhancement of industry standards.



Evaluators of the MARINA-STCW Office pose a photo during KONGSBERG DIGITAL'S 4-DAY SIMULATION WORKSHOP





Delegates of the 44th ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting share the progress made in developing strategic action plans to address port-and-ship-generated waste and marine litter.

## PHILIPPINES TAKES LEAD IN ASEAN MEETING, SHARES INITIATIVES TO COMBAT MARINE LITTER

Da Nang City, Viet Nam - The Philippines, represented by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), showcased its dedication to sustainable shipping during the 44th ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting from 9-11 May 2023.

Led by Engr. Nannette Z. Villamor-Dinopol, MARINA's Deputy Administrator for Operations, the Philippine delegation highlighted the collaborative efforts between MARINA and the World Wide Fund - Philippines. They unveiled their joint project, "Clean Ports and Ships, Clean Oceans: Improving Port and Ship Waste Management in the Philippines," aimed at tackling plastic pollution in ports and ships.

The delegation also shared the progress made in developing strategic action plans to address port-and-ship-generated waste and marine litter, aligning with the National Action Plan on Marine Litter. Furthermore, they discussed the "Solid Waste Management in the Maritime Industry 101" module as part of the plan.

Another noteworthy initiative presented was the "Integrated Ship Construction Support System Project" with the Busan Marine Engineering Association (BUEA). This project aims to enhance domestic shipbuilding by incorporating modern design and advanced technology while fostering

trade and business ties between the Philippines and the Republic of Korea.

The Philippine delegation also highlighted the achievements of the Inter-agency Technical Committee on Transport Planning in improving connectivity and port development through the National Transport Plan, which serves as a roadmap for enhancing the country's transport system over the next decade.

Engr. Dinopol emphasized that these efforts contribute to the realization of a safe, comfortable, accessible, efficient, integrated, and globally competitive Philippine transport system.

Updates on capacity improvement of ASEAN network ports, sustainability support for the Davao-General Santos-Bitung RO-RO route, safety and environmental management in Philippine ports, the SAILS program for ballast water and biofouling management research, crew change, and International Maritime Organization-related initiatives were also shared during the meeting.

The Philippine delegation included representatives from the Department of Transportation (DOTr), MARINA, and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), collectively demonstrating the country's commitment to maritime progress.



Representatives of the 44th ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting join hands after the successful discussion on National Action Plan on Marine Litter



# INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) SECRETARY-GENERAL KITACK LIM EMPHASIZES MARITIME EXCELLENCE DURING VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES



International Maritime Organization (IMO) Secretary-General Kitack Lim recently concluded his official visit to the Philippines, where he highlighted the significance of the country's role in promoting excellence in the maritime industry. The visit encompassed various engagements that underscored the strong partnership between the Philippines and the IMO.

One of the notable highlights of Secretary-General Lim's visit was his trip to the Women In Maritime Philippines Association (WIMAPHIL)

MARINA Sub-Chapter on 15 May 2023. This visit showcased the IMO's recognition of the crucial contributions made by women in the maritime sector.

Secretary-General Lim also visited the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and the Maritime Academy Asia and the Pacific (MAAP) during his stay. At MARINA, Administrator Atty. Hernani N. Fabia expressed the Philippines' commitment to fully implementing the IMO Conventions and ensuring the production of well-





trained and certified maritime professionals for ocean-going vessels.

During his visit to MAAP, Secretary-General Lim had the opportunity to explore the academy's state-of-the-art facilities, further emphasizing the importance of quality education and training in the maritime field.

The Philippines' welcoming of Secretary-General Lim on 14 May 2023, at MARINA's headquarters marked the beginning of his visit.

Administrator Fabia and his team expressed their dedication to promoting safe, secure, and environmentally-sustainable shipping practices in collaboration with the IMO.

Secretary-General Lim's visit served as a platform to strengthen the partnership between the Philippines and the IMO, affirming the country's commitment to maritime excellence and fostering a robust maritime industry that adheres to global standards.



## MARINA JOINS 1ST IORIS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING IN BALI, INDONESIA

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) of the Philippines joined the inaugural IORIS Steering Committee Meeting held in Bali, Indonesia on 24-25 May 2023. The meeting convened representatives from various government agencies and international partners from 30 countries, with the aim of fostering interagency collaboration and enhancing maritime trade security in the region.

IORIS, the Indo-Pacific Regional Information Sharing platform, serves as a neutral and secure channel for operational coordination and communication. The project, fully funded by the European Commission, seeks to harmonize information flows, build trust, and enhance interoperability to ensure the safety and security of maritime trade.

During the steering committee meeting, discussions revolved around important topics such

as the governance structure of IORIS, information technology aspects, community area reports, success stories, and partnership agreements. Engr. Ronaldo P. Bandalaria, Director of Enforcement Service, represented MARINA at the meeting, aligning with the agency's commitment to the Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) of the Philippines. MARINA's participation highlights its dedication to enhancing maritime cooperation and implementing sustainable innovations, digitalization, and knowledge sharing in the sector.

By joining the 1st IORIS Steering Committee Meeting, MARINA reinforces its active role in promoting safety and security in the maritime industry. Collaborating in international initiatives like IORIS, MARINA contributes to advancing the interests of the Philippine maritime sector and ensuring a secure environment for maritime trade.



MARINA joins the inaugural IORIS Steering Committee Meeting which aims to foster interagency collaboration and enhance maritime trade security in the region.

## PHILIPPINES MARITIME ADMINISTRATION GEARS UP FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION AUDIT

In preparation for the upcoming International Maritime Organization (IMO) Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) in October 2023, the Philippines maritime administration, led by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), held an Inter-agency Plenary Discussion on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ) on 22 May 2023. The meeting, chaired by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) Assistant Secretary for Maritime, Atty. Julius Yano, focused on reviewing the PAQ to ensure its submission to the IMO.

The PAQ serves as a crucial requirement for the IMSAS, representing the initial response of a Member State to preliminary audit inquiries. During the meeting, attendees, including the country's Single Point of Contact and Maritime Attaché in London, Atty. Jean Ver P. Pia, PhD, IMSAS Consultant Engr. Jose Venancio Vero,



The Philippine Maritime Administration and Stakeholders collaborate in an Inter-agency Plenary Discussion on the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ)



## PHILIPPINES MARITIME ADMINISTRATION GEARS UP...



MARINA and DOTr along with Maritime Stakeholders review the PAQ to ensure its submission to the IMO.

French Maritime Expert Mr. Emeric Faure, and representatives from various agencies such as the DOTr, MARINA, Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), Cebu Port Authority (CPA), National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), and National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), systematically reviewed the PAQ.

This proactive engagement and collaborative effort among multiple agencies reflect the Philippines' commitment to ensuring a successful audit and upholding the country's adherence to international maritime standards. The preparation for the IMSAS underscores the nation's dedication to maintaining a robust and compliant maritime industry.



## MARINA RECEIVES DONATION OF 14 DELL COMPUTER SETS FROM CMA CGM PHILIPPINES, INC.

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has received a significant boost in its operations after receiving 14 units of Dell Computer Set from CMA CGM Philippines, Inc. The donation was made official during a ceremony at the MARINA Central Office, City of Manila on 02 May 2023.

Atty. Hernani Fabia highlighted the importance of maximizing available resources to enhance the relationship between MARINA and industry stakeholders, with the goal of strengthening the Philippine maritime industry. The donation of computer sets is expected to contribute to the smooth and efficient operation of the Agency.

During the program, MARINA Administrator



MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia expresses gratitude to CMA CGM Philippines for donating 14 units of Dell Computer Set.



# REGIONAL NEWS

## MARINA, MBOA SIGN MOU FOR MODERNIZATION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR BANCA OPERATION IN CENTRAL VISAYAS

In a significant collaboration, the Maritime Industry Authority VII (MRO7) and the Mactan Boat Owner Association Inc. (MBOA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to drive the modernization and development of the Commercial Motor Banca Operation in Central Visayas, Region VII.

The MOU signing ceremony brought together key figures, including MRO VII Regional Director Engr. Emmanuel B. Carpio, PhD, and MBOA President Jaime B. Lapac. The primary objective of the MOU is to establish a shared understanding and intentions between the two entities regarding their collaboration in the Central Visayas tourism industry.

Under this agreement, MRO7 and MBOA will

work jointly to devise effective strategies and implement objectives aimed at enhancing the Commercial Motor Banca Operation. The focus will be on aligning the operation with modern standards and catering to the evolving needs of the tourism sector in the region.



## MARINA REGIONAL OFFICE XI ENHANCES MARITIME SKILLS IN DAVAO ORIENTAL

The MARINA Regional Office XI (MRO11) conducted a successful series of activities in the Municipality of Governor Generoso, Davao Oriental last 24-26 May 2023. The MRO11 organized a Maritime Basic Safety Training (MBST) for 20 trainees, aimed at enhancing their skills and knowledge in maritime safety.

Following the comprehensive MBST, a licensing examination was administered to 25 applicants, including 16 Boat Captains Class 1 (BC1) and 9 Motor Men. Successful completion of the examination would result in the issuance of their Certificate of Marine Profession (CMP), recognizing them as certified maritime professionals.

These initiatives reflect the commitment of the MARINA Regional Office XI in promoting safety and proficiency in the maritime industry. By providing training and licensing opportunities, the MRO11 contributes to the development of maritime practices in Davao Oriental, fostering a culture of excellence and professionalism in the local maritime community.



## MARINA ENHANCES SAFETY TRAINING FOR SEAFARERS AND CONDUCTS MOBILE SERVICES



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has been actively working to promote safety and enhance services in the maritime industry. In two separate initiatives, MARINA Regional Office V (MRO5) conducted a successful two-day Modified Basic Safety Training (MBST) for seafarers, while MARINA-National Capital Region (MARINA-



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NCR) launched mobile services for registration, licensing, documentation, and franchising of fishing and passenger carrying wooden-hulled ships.

In Legazpi City, MRO5 organized the MBST on 25-26 May 2023, aiming to improve the safety knowledge and skills of seafarers operating Philippine registered vessels below 35GT. The training gathered 43 participants from various provinces, including Albay, Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Sorsogon, and Masbate. Boat Captains and Motormen underwent comprehensive instruction on basic safety procedures and practices, equipping them with essential knowledge for safe maritime operations.

Meanwhile, MARINA-NCR, under the leadership of Regional Director Engr. Marc Anthony P. Pascua, initiated the Mobile Basic Safety Training and Mobile Registration, Licensing, Documentation, and Franchising of Fishing and Passenger Carrying Wooden-Hulled Ships on May 9, 2023. This joint effort involved MARINA-NCR, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) - Region III, National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) - Region III, and Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) - Dingalan. The initiative, conducted in coordination with the LGU of Dingalan, Aurora, led by Mayor Shierwin H. Taay, aimed to bring essential services closer to the fishing and passenger vessel operators, ensuring convenient access to registration, licensing, documentation, and franchising services.



## MARINA-PPS STRENGTHENS INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC ORIENTATION ACROSS REGIONS

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through its Planning and Policy Service (PPS), has been actively conducting cascading orientations on the Maritime Industry Development Plan 2028 (MIDP 2028), Performance Governance System (PGS), Strategy Map, and Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS) in various regional offices.

Starting with the MARINA Regional Office VI (MRO6) in Iloilo City, the MARINA Planning and Policy Service Unit (MARINA-PPS) organized a cascading orientation on 26 May 2023. The event served as a platform for stakeholders to discuss

the long-term development plan and strategic initiatives. Similarly, a similar orientation was held in the MARINA Regional Office - National Capital Region (MARINA-NCR) in Manila City on 24 May 2023, providing valuable insights into the MIDP 2028, PGS, Strategy Map, and SPMS.

The commitment to industry development continued as MARINA-PPS conducted cascading orientations in Batangas, Surigao, Tacloban, Zamboanga, and Cagayan de Oro. These events aimed to educate participants on key aspects of the MIDP 2028, PGS, Strategy Map, and SPMS, enabling stakeholders to align their efforts



## MARINA-PPS STRENGTHENS INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC ORIENTATION...

and contribute to the overarching goals of the maritime sector.

By actively engaging stakeholders through these cascading orientations, MARINA reinforces its commitment to fostering a strategic and coordinated approach towards industry development. The agency's emphasis on the MIDP 2028, PGS, Strategy Map, and SPMS highlights its dedication to achieving excellence, efficiency, and innovation in the maritime industry.



## MARINA REGIONAL DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE SETS COURSE FOR MARITIME INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENT

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through its Regional Office VI (RO6), hosted a highly significant Regional Directors' Conference in Malay, Aklan on 18-19 May 2023. Led by MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani N. Fabia, the conference brought together regional directors from across the Philippines to address key issues and chart the path forward for the maritime industry.

Administrator Fabia emphasized the agency's vision of operating as a harmonious 'symphony orchestra,' working together in unity to achieve their goals. MRO 6 Regional Director Jeffrey Bangsa commended the MARINA's resilience and growth under Administrator Fabia's exceptional leadership, highlighting the agency's continued progress.

During the conference, French maritime expert, Mr. Emeric Faure, shared

recommendations, plans, and programs aimed at bolstering the industry in all regions of the country. The regional directors actively engaged in discussions to explore opportunities for implementing these strategies. The updated Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) 2028 took center stage, presenting comprehensive plans and programs for the industry's growth, while updates on the Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern (OSSP) shed light on optimizing human resources and promoting efficiency within the maritime sector.





## MARINA'S NEWLY-APPOINTED OFFICIALS

President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. appoints Mr. Samuel L. Batalla as the new Executive Director and Capt. Vicente C. Navarro as the new Deputy Executive Director of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) STCW Office.

STCWO Executive Director Batalla and Deputy Executive Director Navarro were sworn into duty as new officials of the MARINA in a ceremony held last 24 May 2023, led by Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Jaime J. Bautista.



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) represented by MARINA- Planning and Policy Service Director Luisito U. Delos Santos attended the first-ever Philippine Fleet Defense Expo (PFDEX) 2023 held at the Naval Base Heracleo Alano, Sangley Point, Cavite City on 12 May 2023. The PFDEX brought together various maritime and naval defense industries, providing them with a platform to showcase their latest products and technological advancements.





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